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The 810th Medical Operations Squadron has a new refill telephone number. The number is 333-DRUG

Retired JTF commander remembers when Blackhawk went down in Somalia

By Master Sgt.
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21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Hollywood spin specialists tend to take creative liberties with history to improve the entertainment value of movies. However, in the case of the recent blockbuster, "Blackhawk Down," much of the battle scene involving the downed helicopter was "pretty accurate," according to retired Lt. Gen. Tom Montgomery.

Montgomery, the first American flag officer to don the United Nations blue beret, was the deputy commander, United Nations Forces, Somalia (UNOSOM II), and commander, Joint Task Force, Somalia, during the 1993-1994 humanitarian support mission upon which "Blackhawk Down" was based. The general shared his experiences, as well as strategic and tactical lessons learned in Somalia, as the guest speaker for the Association of the United States Army Pikes Peak Chapter Quarterly Luncheon March 22 in the Antlers Adams Mark Hotel.

Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd, composed primarily of active duty and retired Army members, as well as a couple dozen Air Force members from Airman Leadership School Class 02-D, the Somalia veteran opened with geographic information and socioeconomic background on the war-torn region.

The JTF commander shared personally gleaned information about the uncertainty levels in a country in which six major clans vie for power and influence.

"They may not know much about international world events, but the Somalis can trace their families back over 300 years, in their clans," Montgomery explained.

With myriad warlords fighting for ascendance and none strong enough to take over and hold power, the climate was one of constant



Photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

Retired Lt. Gen. Tom Montgomery speaks to a standing-room-only crowd about his experiences and lessons learned in Somalia during the 1993-1994 humanitarian support mission.

uncertainty. The struggle for power routinely involved theft of international humanitarian relief supplies, Montgomery said, which was the reason U.N. Peacekeeping forces entered the fray.

Understanding the perspective of the Somali people was critical – a matter of life or death – for outsiders, the general explained.

"For these people, the clan is all-important, not the individual," the general said, explaining the hierarchy of alliances as follows:

- Me and Somalia against the world
- Me and my clan against Somalia
- Me and my family against the clan
- Me and my brother against the family
- Me against my brother

Understanding that aspect of the Somali culture, said Montgomery, was necessary for those who wanted to survive the environment.

For luncheon attendees who had seen the movie, Montgomery's presentation was a vivid reminder of the raw savagery depicted on the big screen, and Montgomery used names and terms that brought to mind nightmare-like film scenes – words like Aideed, Little Birds, and the 10th

Mountain Division.

Montgomery painted a picture of butchery and fury incomprehensible to an audience unfamiliar with combat.

It was exactly the kind of thing that Peterson's ALS students needed to hear and understand, according to ALS Flight Chief, Master Sgt. Joey Quiroz. A week before the luncheon, ALS Class 02-D went en masse to see the movie "Blackhawk Down," so that they would better understand Montgomery's perspective.

"We all need to understand that this – war – is the business we're in, and situations like those depicted in the movie are very real," Quiroz explained, adding that for space operators who control weapons systems from a control center in Colorado Springs, the end result of their mission activities can seem very nebulous.

Understanding that they could play a significant role in combat is what will help them stay sharp and focused and think about what they do and why, Quiroz believes.

Excursions such as those the ALS have taken lately are all part of professional development, said

Quiroz, who explained that the opportunity to learn from battle hardened commanders, Vietnam prisoners of war, and active duty leaders is invaluable to the students.

Even at graduation, the leadership lessons continued for ALS Class 02-D and their guests. Graduation guest speaker Chief Master Sgt. Greg Ferrell, 21st Services Squadron first sergeant, focused on leader attitudes, responsibilities, loyalty and goal setting, encouraging his young audience to be different and make a difference in their own and others' lives.

According to Quiroz, it was impossible to pass up the opportunity for his students to learn about the reality of combat, life and death decisions, political impact on military decisions, and the absolute fog of war from a trench-trained combat veteran.

"Leadership school is more than classroom lessons on situational leadership, drill and ceremony, or the enlisted evaluation system," Quiroz said.

"It's about seizing every opportunity to learn from the experts, partly in hopes that we must never learn life-and-death lessons on our own."

From the Top

Ingenuity is key to transformation

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – “The greatest element of transformation being employed is the ingenuity of our young people,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said March 20 in testimony to the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

“Many of you have heard the story of the young special forces troop out there in the hills of Afghanistan riding a horse and carrying a laptop computer hooked up to a satellite, using laser goggles to put a precise designation on targets,” Jumper said. “The ingenuity of young people who put together old and new systems to give us the capability we need to deal with a complex situation in Afghanistan is nothing short of amazing,” Jumper said.

Sitting a few feet behind the chief of staff and Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche was Staff Sgt. Matt Lienhard, a combat controller on the ground in Afghanistan.

“He called in air strikes to targets only 800 meters from his own position from bombers 39,000 feet in the sky,” Jumper said. “The ingenuity of these youngsters who put these systems together to get the results that we have seen is a tribute to the quality of the young people we have serving with us, and Staff Sgt. Lienhard is an example of that.”

Jumper said that the war on terrorism has expedited the Air Force’s move toward transformation.

“It continues to be a fact that conflict in combat encourages transformation behavior,” Jumper said. “Having been personally involved in conflicts in Kosovo, we took several very bold steps.”

He said that a lessons-learned example from Kosovo was putting a laser designator on the Predator, with further advances in Afghanistan.

“We have, since then, put the Hellfire missile on the same Predator,” Jumper said. “In Afghanistan, we have connected it to our combat controllers and others so they could take advantage of the ability to look persistently at the enemy. Combat inspires the need to invent things on the spot when you have to handle difficult circumstances that you have never come across before.”

21st Space Wing



GSU At a Glance



Unit: 20th Space Surveillance Squadron

Location: Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Mission: The 20th Space Surveillance Squadron operates and maintains the phased array space surveillance system dedicated to tracking more than 8,300 objects in space.

History: Radar construction began October 1962 at test site C-6, about 35 miles east of Eglin AFB. The testing was scheduled for May 1965, but four months before, the building and all the equipment were destroyed in a fire caused by arcing electrical equipment.

The Air Force took ownership of the site in 1968 with the 20th Surveillance Squadron as the primary operator. New software installed in 1975 allowed tracking of submarine launched ballistic missiles. This became the unit’s primary mission, along with space tracking.

From 1971 to 1984, the 20th SURS was the site of the Alternate Space Surveillance Center. It provided computational support to the Space Surveillance Center at Cheyenne Mountain AS, Colo. If the need arose, the squadron could assume command and control for worldwide space track sensors.

In May 1983, the squadron joined Air Force Space Command and became a component of the U.S. Space Command. In 1987, the site returned to its original mission—space surveillance. The squadron became the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron in May 1992.

Action Line

Light the way

Q: Are there any plans to have a street light placed out at the East Gate as you turn onto the base? This is becoming more hazardous especially in the dark and when it is foggy. They are putting new lights along the walkway and I was wondering if it would be possible to get one out there. Thank you very much.

A: Thank you for your comment. We agree a light is needed at that intersection. Because that location is on city property, we

have contacted the Colorado Springs Utility department and they have put in a work order to have a light installed. Thank you again for your comment. If you have future questions, please call Keith Gramprrie at 556-4399.

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct line to the commander. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call or fax the Action Line.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for your chain of command.

To submit a question or comment call 556-7777 or fax your question to 556-7848.

News Briefs

QUALITY OF LIFE SEMINAR - The 21st Space Wing is hosting a quality of life seminar April 9 and 10, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., at the Forrest L. Vosler Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson Air Force Base.

Administrative assistance and recorders/scribes are also needed.

For more information or to volunteer, call 556-6141 or send an e-mail to 21mss/dpf@peterson.af.mil by Tuesday.

INSTRUCTOR OPENING - The Peterson Air Force Base Airman

Leadership School is accepting special duty applications through July 31. The school is looking for a staff sergeant with at least an associate's degree or the ability to complete one within twelve months.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joey Quiroz at 556-7737 or Staff Sgt. Kevin Allen at 556-4940.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The 18th National Space Symposium is slated for April 8-11 at the Broadmoor hotel. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions.

For more information go to www.spacesymposium.org or call 554-5736.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE - The Peterson Air Force Base Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee is looking for members.

Meetings are 11 a.m., Wednesdays, at Building 880. For more information or to join the committee, call Bonnie Pavlik at 556-6530.

HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE -

The Peterson Hispanic Heritage Committee will have its monthly meeting 11 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, at the Aragon Dining Hall.

For details, call Master Sgt. Leo Perez at 554-4080.

CHIEF'S PANEL - The Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program will sponsor a chief’s panel Thursday at 4 p.m. at the officers’ club. The event will be an open forum and is open to all military personnel.

For more information call Maj. Louis Fletcher, 474-2266.



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News

NCO Academy class improves Carousel

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips

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Students from the Forrest L. Vosler Noncommissioned Officer Academy spent Sunday helping out with improvements to the Colorado Carousel, a therapeutic riding center east of Colorado Springs.

The Carousel was founded in 1990 to teach disabled children and adults therapeutic horseback riding. Since then, hundreds of physically and mentally challenged individuals from two years old to 65 years old have gained from this positive, non-threat-



Courtesy photos

Students from the Forrest L. Vosler Noncommissioned Officer Academy help make improvements to the Colorado Carousel.

ening learning experience.

"All of our clients are doctor-referred," said Roger Dobney, Carousel President.

The Carousel has undergone tremendous growth and moved several times in the years since it was founded.

"Lisa Keller started the Carousel in her back yard in Black Forest," Dobney said. "When the program grew, we leased 1,200 acres in Black Forest, until it was sold to developers. We then moved to an old equestrian center, also in Black Forest, which needed a lot of work.

"Late last year, we were able to purchase property adjacent to Schriever Air Force Base," Dobney said. The Carousel moved into its permanent home in October.

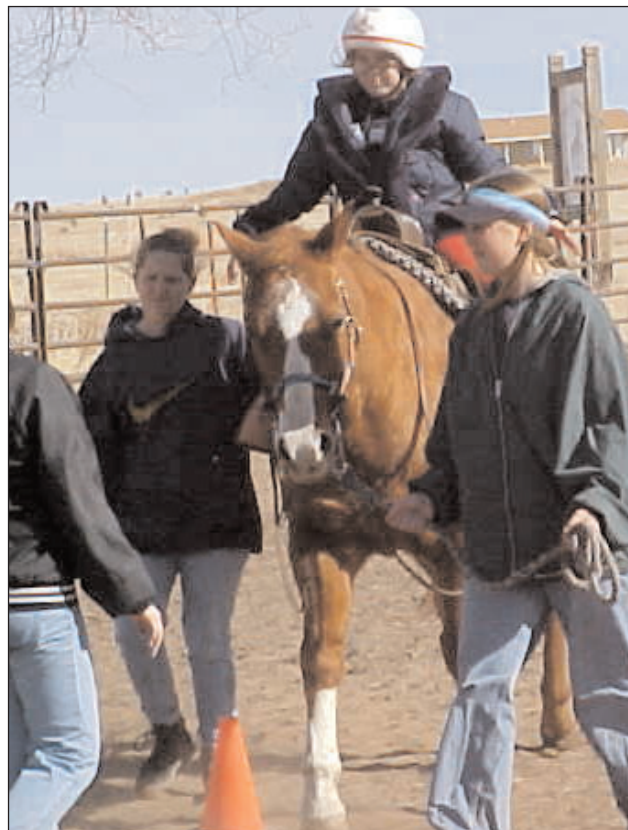
Tech. Sgt. James Coffey, a member of Class 02-3's "G" Flight, has been helping out at the center for nearly two years. "I got involved with the program about a month after arriving at Schriever in March of 2000," said Coffey. "I received a phone call one day regarding donations. I told the person that I really didn't have the money; but I would like to volunteer my time.

"He gave me Roger's telephone number and, I guess, the rest his history."

As part of the NCO Academy's curriculum, students are required to commit a portion of their time to volunteer events in the local community. "There were 15 of us from G Flight, or Go-Rilla Flight as we call ourselves, and three from other flights, who volunteered at the Colorado Carousel," said Coffey.

"We measured, cut and hung drywall, dug a hole to concrete their permanent flag pole, dug holes and concreted their permanent sign at the front of their facility, and built and put up an alfalfa shed for the horses," he said.

Volunteers also exercised the horses, moved



The Carousel is a non-profit organization that teaches disabled children and adults therapeutic horseback riding.

stables, trimmed trees and performed several other miscellaneous jobs.

Dobney welcomed the group with open arms. "They were outstanding," he said. "It was a wonderful day."

"It's great that these guys and girls gave up their own time and jumped in so quick to get things done," Dobney said.

For information about the Carousel's programs, or to become a volunteer, visit the Carousel's Web site at www.thecarouselhealingwithhorses.org.

MCPON visits Rocky Mountain Navy

By Journalist 1st Class

Beverly Allen

United States Space Command Public Affairs

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt recently visited more than 200 sailors stationed in the Colorado Springs area.

"I came here today because I wanted to look sailors in the eye and tell them how proud I am of the job they're doing," he said.

MCPON addressed the Rocky Mountain Navy enlisted personnel during an All Hands Call in the Peterson Air Force Base Auditorium before having lunch with area chiefs.

He addressed issues ranging from sea/shore rotation to leadership. He reminded the audience of some of the changes that have taken place during the past four years. He mentioned the targeted pay raises, sea pay reform, SRB, SGLI for families, retirement options, the Thrift Savings Plan and advancement procedures.

When asked what he thought of MCPON's visit, Chief Yeoman Ed Perez said, "He went over some really good programs that are on the horizon. We certainly seem to be moving in the right direction regarding pay, education and professional development programs. During his tenure, he has been

so instrumental in bringing most of these programs to fruition and a lot of people are unaware of how hard his office works for us, the enlisted sailor. To be sure, it's an exciting time to be serving in our Navy."

Perez added, "What a first rate opportunity it was for us to meet and greet the MCPON. There are so many factions to our Navy and what we do here is truly unique. I'm glad he had a chance to get a first hand look at what we're about and saw how hard our Rocky Mountain Navy sailors work."

Draftsman 1st Class Cameron S. Hunt said, "I believe MCPON is genuinely concerned about sailors and the problems we face daily and will face in the future. He made me realize more than before, how much the Navy has changed in such a short period of time. He also made me realize how much of an impact each person has on one another no matter how insignificant that impact may seem in itself."

Herd said, "Things will only get better. "October first we will have 100 percent tuition assistance. Before long, exam results will be out in a few days instead of results taking months. And", he continued, "BAH is headed to 100 percent, zero out of pocket."

This was MCPON's first official trip to the region. Herdt will retire in

April after 36 years of active-duty and Reserve naval service. Herdt assumed his duties as the ninth MCPON in March 1998.

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the job you do, day in and day out," Herdt said. "When I retire, I am going to miss having the honor of serving shoulder to shoulder with you. I wish you all the best. Take care of each other."

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy is the senior enlisted person in the Navy. The MCPON serves as the senior enlisted leader of the Navy, and as an adviser to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters dealing with enlisted personnel and their families.

The MCPON is also an adviser to the boards dealing with enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and, maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.

Sept. 1, 1954, the U. S. Navy, with its many years of Fleet Air Defense experience, became full partners in the continental air defense system with the formation of North American Aerospace (then "Air") Defense U. S. Naval Forces /Naval



Photo by Robb Lingley

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt speaks to sailors from the Colorado Springs area during an All Hands Call at the Peterson Air Force Base Auditorium.

Forces Continental Air Defense Command. This made the mission of defending the United States against air attack a truly unified, all-service effort.

Today the Rocky Mountain Navy continues to be well represented in NORAD, the United States Space Command, inside Cheyenne Mountain and the Naval Reserve Center.

TAP helps those planning to retire or separate

Air Force officials announced Jan. 29 that 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields are released from Stop-Loss restrictions after a 90-day review. Therefore, a great influx of people will proceed with separation or retirement plans. Now is the time to prepare for your eventual separation from active duty.

If you are one year or less away from retiring or six months from separating, now is the time to sign up for the Transition Assistance Program seminar and other preparatory classes such as resume review, applying for federal service, and career strategies.

Also, to assist you in your job search DoD has partnered with local military installations in sponsoring a DoD career fair.

The Family Support Center is offering two career fair preparation classes. One was Thursday, and one will be Thursday from 1-2 p.m. This class will provide information about career fair expectations, how to ask good questions and get information quickly, resumes, how to develop a verbal commercial, and proper attire. The DoD Regional

Spring Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at the World Arena from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There are expected to be 80-100 companies participating.

The Transition Assistance Program is a federally mandated program that allows existing service members to attend a series of presentations to provide information about civilian employment and being successful in the civilian job market.

The TAP seminar is a joint effort of the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Included in the curriculum are presentations on job search and research techniques, resume and cover letter composition, labor market and interviewing skills, interview dress and grooming, negotiating salary and benefits, and a local employer panel.

The seminar is conducted in a classroom setting. The primary focus of TAP is to assist retiring or separating military members transitioning into the civilian world.

Pre-separation Briefings

are mandatory and are held Wednesdays, from 3-4:15 p.m. and on Fridays, from 8-9:15 a.m.

This briefing is designed to provide official information to those retiring or separating from the military. Legal issues, federal job opportunities, family support center services, relocation information, health care benefits, survivor benefits, financial concerns, employment assistance and veterans affairs are addressed in the briefing. You can sign up to a year out, but no later than 120 days before your date of retirement or separation.

Remember, your spouse is entitled to the same services that you are as long as you are married on the day that you separate from active duty.

Officer career fields released from Stop-Loss include 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M, 44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss include 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3,

2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

Other career fields may be released at the end of March, but people shouldn't wait until Stop Loss is lifted. It may be too late to get a head start.

Once Stop-Loss is lifted, you will proceed with separation as planned but will have less time to prepare. You can avoid the crunch and the stress of transitioning by signing up now.

Things to remember and do:

- Schedule your Preseparation Briefing
- Request a copy of your medical records
- Sign up for a Medical Records Review
- Ensure all medical tests and evaluations are documented in your SMR
- Go online and retrieve

your education and training records, Verification of Military Education and Training, at <https://dmde.osd.mil/vmet>

Inventory your job skills and interests, education needs, strengths and weaknesses

Get your financial records in order—determine what your financial needs are before you separate from service to include need for additional medical and life insurance

Talk with your family about change—what will be the same and what will be different

Visit the FSC for information on relocating.

Attend job fairs

Develop a fall-back plan in case your first one fails

Network

Develop a resume, review it and have others review it

Attend a resume review class at the FSC

Visit the local state employment agency

Contact the FSC

Employment Team for assistance.

(Article courtesy of the Family Support Center.)

Speaker teaches the art of laughter

"Having a sense of humor is an important part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people and getting things done."
Dwight D. Eisenhower

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Federal Women's Program held a motivational conference with guest speaker Ruth Kay Peterson, a professional motivational speaker, Wednesday at the officers' club.

The subject of the conference was the power of laughter in the workplace. "If you can laugh together, you can work together," said Peterson.

During the course of the conference, attendees learned how laughter can enhance leadership abilities and reduce stress. Through group exercises, they also learned how to break down the barriers between one another in fun and sometimes silly ways.

"The conference presented us an opportunity to look at our constantly changing work and personal environment with a new appreciation of the ability to alter the mundane with a little humor," said Suzanne Lucero, FWP committee.

The FWP is one of six Special Emphasis Programs under the Department of Defense Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

"The Peterson Complex program assists the Civilian Personnel Flight in developing and implementing affirmative action programs to achieve a civilian work force with women representation at all grade levels, in every occupational series, and in every major organizational element,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

Ruth Kay Peterson, motivational speaker, credits pantyhose as the reason women can be grumpy in the mornings.

said Karen Fiorillo, FWP manager. "We assist the Civilian Personnel Flight by recruiting, training and retaining women in Federal Service, and by providing a voice for this underrepresented sector of the work force."

Currently, the program has 10 active members, but according to Fiorillo, they are always searching for more.

"All you have to do to become a member is come to our meetings," she said.

The FWP meets at 3 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the atrium of the Military and Civilian Personnel Office Building, where they plan and coordinate speaking and training events for the year.

"As an underrepresented group, women need to have an avenue to receive recognition for the contribution they make to the nation," Fiorillo added. "The FWP is one such avenue."

For more information about the program, call Debra Agnew at 554-5265 or Karen Fiorillo at 554-6983.

DFAS still backlogged

By Master Sgt. Danny Sells
21st Space Wing Legal

In November last year, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service switched from Omaha, Neb., to Dayton, Ohio, resulting in the sometimes-slow payments of settlements for legal claims against the government.

The switch not only affected Peterson Air Force Base but a number of installations throughout the mountain region.

The Peterson Complex's claims vouchers are seriously backlogged and are but a small portion of the problems DFAS-Dayton has been experiencing. The 21st CPTS is assisting in tracking the backlog.

DFAS-Dayton is now under new management and is in the process of hiring additional employees.

Additionally, a Tiger Team has been formed to assist with the backlog and should be ready by mid-March.

Legal claims personnel ask for your patience. If you get concerned with the receipt of your payment, you may contact DFAS-Dayton Customer Service directly at 1-800-373-3184.

Ski season comes to Thule Air Base, Greenland

By Master Sgt. Ray Magby
Services Superintendent

People at Thule Air Base dusted off their skis, polished their snowboards and got their safety gear ready, to “hit the slopes” at Thule’s North Mountain recently.

On opening day, more than 120 ski and snowboard enthusiasts and spectators braved sub-zero temperatures to break in the slope.

“Although this is no Olympic-sized slope, beginners will feel at ease and advanced skiers should be able to keep their skills fresh,” said Mette Pederson, recreation services director. “This season promises to be another great season for skiers and snowboarders alike.”

Pederson expects the season to last until May, depending on snow evaporation and if the weather cooperates. In preparation for the season, the squadron spent

more than \$13,000 on skis, snowboards, boots, and other ski and safety equipment.

Before the fun began, it took Greenland Contractors pavements and grounds section members put numerous hours into preparing the slope.

According to Tom Christoffersen, pavements and ground section supervisor, more than 55 truckloads of snow had to be moved from surrounding areas before the slope was ready. That was necessary because of the lack of snow on the mountain this season.

“In addition, the four-man crew began preparing the slopes 45 days ago and worked non-stop only being interrupted by storm warnings,” said Christoffersen. “The hard work and dedication was all worth it on opening day.”

In addition to moving snow, rocks up to 250 pounds had to be



Courtesy photo

Skiers at Thule Air Base, Greenland enjoy a day of skiing “on top of the world” at the base’s own ski slope, located at North Mountain.

removed from the area to give skiers and snowboarders a smooth ride.

A welcome addition to the slope this season was the installation of a rope tow. In previous ski seasons, skiers were transported by vehicle from the bottom of slopes to the top.

The squadron and Greenland Contractors have already begun preparing for next ski season. Plans are being discussed to triple the length of the slope. This addition will give advanced skiers and snowboarders a more serious challenge.

Addition made to optional uniform items

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
[Air Force Print News](#)

WASHINGTON — Military clothing sales shoppers will see a new set of optional items for wear in the coming year. The Air Force Uniform Board recently approved the addition of Air Force symbol cuff links, tie tacks and tie bars.

These items will replace the respective coat of arms items currently on the inventory, said Master Sgt. Ruth Nischwitz, Air Force uniform section chief at the Pentagon. Also on the inventory are grade insignia and Hap Arnold wing and star items.

These optional items are authorized for wear with the service dress, long-sleeved shirt and blouse, mess dress, semi-formal and maternity dress.

Nischwitz said the new items will be authorized for wear after minor specifications adjustments and manufacturing. Provided there are no manufacturing delays, the items should be available by 2003, Nischwitz said.

The phase-out period for coat of arms cuff links, tie bars and tie tacks will be published in the new Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance, later this year.

“Normally items are phased out of the inventory by attrition or within a two-year cycle,” Nischwitz said. “The availability of the new items will determine which method is the most appropriate. We anticipate (the phase out to be) approximately 18 to 24 months from the date of the AFI.”

To add an item to the inventory, major command commanders normally approve and submit uniform proposals to the Air Force Uniform Board office for evaluation and processing, Nischwitz said. After board evaluation, the item is forwarded to the Air Force chief of staff for approval.

“The new symbol was introduced in January 2000 to honor the heritage of our past and represent the promise of our future,” she said.

Because the symbol has been used in a variety of ways, including outreach communication and advertising, to promote recruiting, retention and general public awareness of the Air Force and its value to the nation, Nischwitz said its move to the uniform was not unexpected.

“In an effort to maintain uniformity and consistency, the new cuff links, tie tacks and tie bars will represent the Air Force transformation progress.”



Photo by Kevin Robertson

Grissom tanker support key to F-22 test success

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Aircrews from the 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., are providing key support to F-22 Raptor flight-testing here. While the F-22 Combined Test Force receives support from tanker crews across the country, crews from the 434th ARW have deployed one or two KC-135 Stratotankers almost every week since early October to refuel the F-22 during test missions. In all, the crews have flown more than 400 hours in support of the F-22 and are considered regulars at the 418th Flight Test Squadron. The squadron manages all of the tankers supporting flight-testing which fly in and out of the base here.

Green Light Ahead for Missile Defense

By Linda D. Kozaryn
[American Forces Press Service](#)

WASHINGTON, March 22, 2002 — The U.S. Missile Defense Agency and Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty constraints part company June 14, freeing the agency to do what President Bush decides about deployment, a senior defense official said here today.

Bush announced in mid-December that the United States was

withdrawing from the 1972 ABM Treaty with Russia. He said the treaty hindered America’s ability to develop ways to defend against terrorist or rogue-state missile attacks.

Pete Aldridge, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said DoD had prepared a test program that included using a series of silos in Alaska. He told reporters at a Pentagon roundtable the silos could “be used as an emergency missile defense capability” once ABM restrictions are off. However, he stressed, no deployment decisions have been made.

In January, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved an organizational change for missile defense that is now being implemented. “We’re streamlining the process to give Gen. Kadish an ability to make very tough decisions in what we call “a ‘system of systems’ approach to missile defense,” Aldridge said.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish is the director of the Missile Defense Agency, formerly the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

The agency is chartered by the president and mandated by Congress to acquire highly effective ballistic missile defense systems for forward-deployed and expeditionary elements of the U.S. armed forces. The agency was also tasked to develop and, if directed, to acquire systems for ballistic missile defense of the United States.

Rather than have the Missile Defense Agency go through the com-

prehensive review process currently required in the defense acquisition process, Aldridge said, officials are combining the various missile defense weapon systems. These include various intercept stages — boost phase, mid-course and terminal; various ranges of rockets — short-, medium- and long-range; and ground-, sea- and space-based technologies.

All those are weapon systems in their own right, Aldridge said. “What we’ve done is ... (combine) all those into essentially ‘a system of systems.’ This gives Kadish more authority and will speed up the overall acquisition process.

“The Missile Defense Support Group formed to provide oversight of the agency, Aldridge noted, will review the general’s decisions.

The group includes 13 people representing the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff and the military departments. They are supported by 26 analysts who will handle day-to-day details. The support group will be given access to the data on missile defense and will be able to do independent analysis.

“They report to me,” Aldridge said, “and they provide advice to the director of the Missile Defense Agency and to the Senior Executive Council.” Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz chairs the council, which serves as the Missile Defense Agency’s board of directors, he added, and will make major decisions regarding deployment.



Department of Defense photo

The Missile Defense Agency announced on March 15 that it successfully completed a test involving a planned intercept of an intercontinental ballistic missile target. The test demonstrated the ability to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile target.

Saturday

■ The paint contractor will be painting crosswalks on Peterson and Stewart Streets and parking lot areas of the enlisted club, clinic and bank.

Sunday

■ Easter Sunday Buffet, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the officers' club, by reservation only.
■ Easter Sunday Buffet, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the enlisted club.

Monday

■ Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at the Family Advocacy Center.
■ Noncommissioned officer recognition and induction ceremony, 3:30 p.m., at the enlisted club.

Tuesday

■ Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

Steppin' out

Members of the High Frontier Honor Guard Competition Team practice for their upcoming competition. The winning Honor Guard team will go to Vandenberg as the Guardian Challenge Honor Guard.

Wednesday

■ Story time for kids, 10 a.m., at the base library.
■ Country buffet featuring pasta, 5-7 p.m., at the enlisted club.

Thursday

■ Career Fair preparatory class, 1-2 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Call 556-6141 to register.
■ Job orientation, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442

Community Notes

Community News

WELDING CLASSES - The auto skills center is offering a series of welding classes. They are:

- Gas welding, April 10
 - MIG welding, April 11
 - Arc welding, April 12
- Classes start at 5 p.m. and cost \$15 each.

For more information or to register, call 556-4481.

CAREER FAIR - The Department of Defense Regional Spring Career Fair is scheduled for April 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Colorado Springs World Arena, 3185 Venetucci Boulevard.

Those interested in employment should bring several copies of their resume and dress for an interview.

For more information, call 333-3444.

MILITARY MARRIAGE SEMINAR - The two-day seminar is for couples who are married or are planning to get married and is scheduled for April 26, 6-9:30 p.m., and April 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Community Center Auditorium and the Community Center Chapel at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The Military Marriage Seminar is an adaptation of the internationally known Family Life Marriage Seminar especially designed to equip military couples with God's plan for marriage.

Cost ranges from \$15-\$40 per couple, depending on rank. A person attending alone pays half price. The price includes manuals, refreshments and lunch on Saturday. There will be a \$5 discount if registration is postmarked on or before April 15.

For more information or to register, call Miki Tedesco at 282-3216.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM - The Student Summer Hire Program will be June 3 - Aug. 23.

For details on the program, call Nancy Nowacki at 556-6188.

CHILD CARE - Military spouses who

are presently providing child care or who want to care for children other than their own for a total of 10 hours or more per week must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters. The support group commander may revoke the housing privileges of anyone who refuses to become licensed.

To learn more about family child care as a career, call the FCC office at 556-4322.

PIKES PEAK MILITARY FAMILY COOKBOOK - The Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Wives' Club is creating a cookbook and wants to include all military families in the Pikes Peak region. To submit a recipe simply:

- All recipes must be neatly handwritten or typed.
- One recipe per page.
- Clearly state the title of your recipe.
- Include your name, military affiliation and phone number.
- List all ingredients, then the directions.

Submissions may be made by e-mailing Linh Narum at lnarum@msn.com or mailing Linh Narum, c/o Peterson Officers' Wives' Club, P.O. Box 14066, Peterson AFB, CO.

For more information, call Narum at 591-7010.

RED CROSS CLASSES - The American Red Cross will offer a number of classes throughout April.

The classes and fees are as follows:

- Adult CPR, 6 -9:30 p.m., April 9. There is a \$35 fee.
 - First-Aid, 6-9:30 p.m., April 11. There is a \$30 fee.
 - Babysitter training for youth ages 11-15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 13 and 20. There is a \$30 fee.
 - Child and infant CPR, 6-10 p.m., April 17. There is a \$35 fee.
- For details, call 556-7590.

Community Activities Center

FINGER-PAINTING - Children ages 3-5 may attend finger-painting for kids, April 13 at the CAC. Parents must accompany kids. Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up, call 556-1732.

Education Center SPORTS CORPORATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - There are a limited number of scholarships available to Air Force Academy Falcon Sports Camps. These scholarships will be offered to kids ages 5-12 on a commuter only basis, and recipients must provide all necessary equipment for the camp. To receive an application, call the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation at 634-7333.

Applications must be received by today.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP - The Air Force Bootstrap program has been replaced by the Air Force Education Leave of Absence Policy.

The main changes are in the amount of obligated service incurred, which is now two months for every one month of leave, and in pay, which is cut to basic pay only for the duration of leave.

Those already enrolled or approved will not be affected by the changes.

For details on the changes, call the education center at 556-4064.

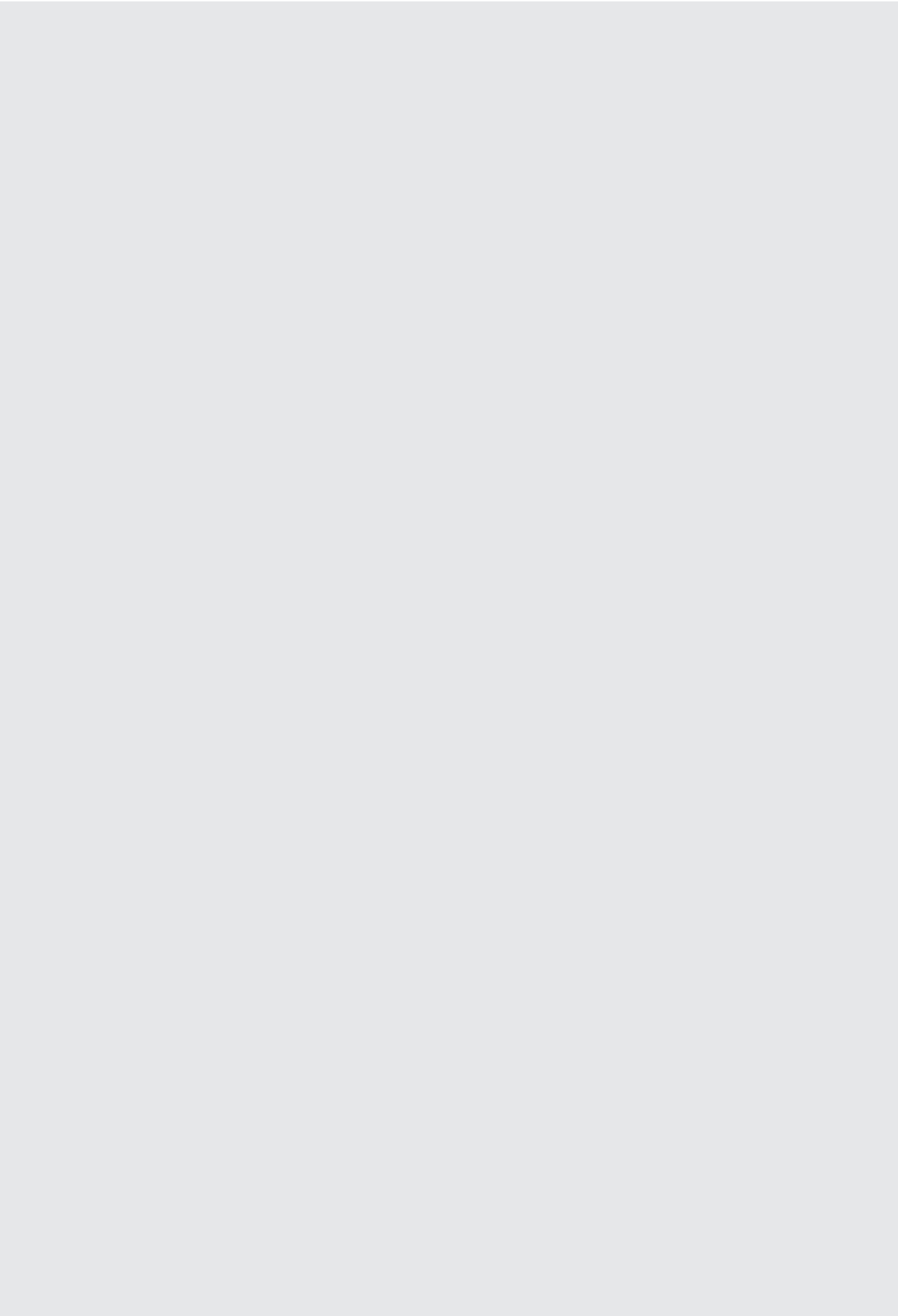
CIVILIAN TUITION ASSISTANCE - Air Force Space Command employees are eligible for civilian tuition assistance. The employee must sign a statement of understanding to apply.

Qualified applicants receive 75 percent of the tuition for courses taken through colleges and universities.

For more information or to apply for the assistance, call the education center at 556-4064.

Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule
Protestant Easter Services

Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
Breakfast
7:30 a.m.
Liturgical Service
8:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship
11 a.m.
Gospel Services
12:30 p.m.
Catholic Easter Services
Good Friday Service
7 p.m.
Holy Saturday Vigil Mass
7 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.



Tip of the Sword

AFSPC to honor OAY nominees

By Staff Sgt. Cory Leathers
21st Communications Squadron

Headquarters Air Force Space Command will honor 19 enlisted members from throughout the command April 15-18 as they vie for outstanding airman, noncommissioned officer, senior NCO, first sergeant and individual mobilization augmentee of the year honors.

The nominees represent 14th Air Force, 20th Air Force, Space and Missile Systems Center, Space Warfare Center and AFSPC headquarters. They will converge on Peterson AFB for a full itinerary that culminates with a banquet April 18 at the enlisted club, where a winner will be named in each category. Winners in the airman, NCO, and senior NCO categories will go on to compete in the Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year program. The AFSPC First Sergeant of the Year will go on to compete at the Air Force level competition for USAF First Sergeant of the Year. The AFSPC IMA of the Year, if selected as the Air Force Reserve Command’s Senior NCO of the Year, will be AFRC’s senior NCO nominee in the Air Force’s 12

Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition.

The nominees are:

Airman:

Senior Airman Claudia V. Van Hassel, 460th Medical Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colo.

Senior Airman David M. Glass, 90th Maintenance Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Senior Airman Erica F. Cischke, SMC, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Senior Airman Timothy Kosmala, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Senior Airman Michele L. Polachek, Directorate of Communications and Information, Peterson AFB, Colo.

NCO:

Tech. Sgt. Timothy E. Winfree, 21st Security Forces Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Mark E. Terry, 90th Comptroller Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB

Staff Sgt. Terri L. Zuber, SMC, Detachment 12, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Tech. Sgt. James E. Logan Jr., 17th Test Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Carie M. Mihill, Directorate of Communications and Information, Peterson AFB

Senior NCO:

Master Sgt. Mark E. Repp, 3rd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB

Master Sgt. Michael E. Faulkingham, 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

Master Sgt. Edward J. Palacios, SMC, Detachment 9, Vandenberg AFB

Master Sgt. Jeffery P. Perry, 595th Test and Evaluation Group, Schriever AFB

Senior Master Sgt. Carol A. Stehley, Directorate of Logistics, Peterson AFB

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. Robert D. Brooks, 21st SFS, Peterson AFB

Master Sgt. Timothy M. Standish, 90th Mission Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB

Master Sgt. David D. Baird, SMC, Detachment 11, Peterson AFB

IMA of the Year:

Senior Master Sgt. Catherine E. Redmond, Directorate of Requirements, Peterson AFB

Star Performer: Airman First Class Michelle Zeller

Name and rank: Airman 1st Class Michelle Zeller
Unit: 21st Contracting Squadron
Title: Contract Specialist
Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Time In Service: One year, seven months

Airman First Class Michelle Zeller is a contracting specialist in the 21st Contracting Squadron Information Technology Flight.

Upon her arrival at Peterson Air Force Base, she was assigned to the Infrastructure Contracting Flight. There she learned the ropes in contracting by assisting in the administration of the \$84.5 million Simplified Acquisition Base Engineering Requirements Contract.

In the interest of developing a broader contracting knowledge base, Zeller was reassigned to her current duty position in the information technology flight.

As an IT flight member, she has excelled in support of NORAD, AFSPC, and the 21st Space Wing non-personal service requirements. She is responsible for administration

of 35 General Services Administration contracts valued at approximately \$5.9 million, which includes the pre-contract award preparation, award, and post-award actions such as processing contractor invoices for payment and quality assurance evaluator training.

“A1C Zeller is relatively new to the Contracting career field, but has already established herself as a ‘star,’ said Bill Brooks, 21 CONS contracting officer. “She took on the thankless job of contract close-outs - a job that most people try to avoid. She learned what needed to be done and wasted no time in getting started.

“Along with on-going purchases and administration of several contracts, she managed to effectively close over 30 contracts since assigned to this section.”

Zeller was nominated as the 21st CONS Airman of the Quarter for the 4th quarter 2001 and 1st quarter 2002, as

well as 21st Logistics Group Airman of the Quarter for the 4th quarter 2001.

In addition to her many duty-related accomplishments, Zeller is actively involved in many base and community charitable activities.

“Airman Zeller is extremely bright and welcomes the hard challenges,” said Brooks. “She goes above and beyond on the job. She also volunteers for squadron fund raisers, tutors academically challenged students in local schools, and carries a full academic workload of her own, in pursuit of her academic goals.

She is a member of the Peterson Enlisted Club Advisory Board and the Enlisted Dormitory Council, as well as an active participant in the Colorado Springs Silver Key program and a Colorado Special Olympics Committee member. She also tutors twice a week at Centennial Elementary School.

She has supported many



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

Airman 1st Class Michelle Zeller, 21st Contracting Squadron, reviews a contract file with Bill Brooks, a 21st CONS contracting officer.

local fundraisers that have benefited such organizations as the Hospice Foundation, Marion House, Holiday Kids and Trees for Life.

Zeller is also pursuing a degree in International Business and Finance with a

minor emphasis in business management, and is currently enrolled in 15 semester hours with the University of Southern Colorado.

In her limited free time, she enjoys traveling, ice-skating and mentoring children.

21st Space Wing Spotlight on Justice

Base legal officials recently announced the court-martial and Article 15 actions for February. All of the accused were tried under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

COURTS-MARTIAL

An airman assigned to the 721st Civil Engineer Squadron located at Cheyenne Mountain AFS, was tried by a general court martial on Feb. 5 for violation of three specifications of Article 112a, UCMJ, wrongful use of a controlled substance, Ecstasy, marijuana, LSD, and one specification of violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, distribution of Ecstasy. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and all specifications. The military judge sentenced the

accused to eight months confinement, reduction to the grade of E-1, airman basic, and a bad conduct discharge. A senior airman assigned to the 21st Services Squadron, located at Peterson AFB, was tried by a special court martial on Feb. 13 for violation of two specifications of Article 128, UCMJ, assault, and violation of Article 107, UCMJ, false official statement. The accused pleaded guilty to assault and not guilty to making a false official statement. The military judge found the accused guilty of both charges and all specifications. The accused was sentenced to five months confinement, forfeiture of \$550 pay per month for five months, and reduction to the grade of E-1, airman basic.

ARTICLES 15

A senior airman assigned to the 721st Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for violation of Article 113, UCMJ, misbehavior of a sentinel, sleeping on post. The member received forfeiture of \$300 pay, 10 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman assigned to the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, located at Fort Carson, Colo., received an Article 15 for violation of Article 111, UCMJ, drunken or reckless opera-

tion of a vehicle. The member received a reduction to the rank of airman first class, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant assigned to the 1st Space Control Squadron received an Article 15 for violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey an order or regulation, accessing pornography on a government computer. The member received a suspended reduction to the rank of senior airman, and forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months.

A first lieutenant assigned to the 10th Space Warning Squadron, located at Cavalier Air Force Station, N.D., received an Article 15 for violation of Article 92, UCMJ, violation of a lawful general regulation, unprofessional relationship with an enlisted member, and violation of Article 133, UCMJ, conduct unbecoming an officer. The member received forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

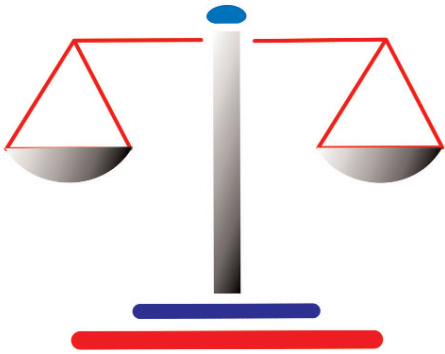
An airman first class assigned to the 367th Recruiting Squadron received an Article 15 for violation of two specifications of Article 92, UCMJ, dereliction of duty, misuse of a government cell phone, and violation



of a general regulation, accessing pornography on a government computer. The member received a reduction to the rank of airman.

A captain assigned to the 6th Space Warning Squadron, located at Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass., received an Article 15 for violation of Article 133, UCMJ, drunk and disorderly conduct. The member received forfeiture of \$750 pay, and a reprimand.

An airman first class assigned to the 721st SFS received an Article 15 for violation of Article 113, UCMJ, misbehavior of a sentinel, sleeping on post. The member received a suspended reduction to the rank of airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 10 days extra duty, and a reprimand.



Sports

Tae Kwon Do classes at fitness center teach discipline, self-confidence

By 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Have you ever finished watching a great action packed martial arts movie filled with spinning kicks and body throws and dreamed of being able to learn how to protect yourself and those you love?

If so, the Peterson Fitness and Sports Center has the answer for your self-defense needs. Omar Rodriguez, a 4th degree black belt in the American Tae Kwon Do Association, offers weekly classes to both children and adults.

“Our classes help teach discipline and self-confidence, and also offer a great mental

and physical workout,” said Rodriguez. Two classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Fitness center. Children ages 7-12 can take the 6-7 p.m. class, and ages 13 and up can take the 7-8 p.m. class. “Each student can take his or her own pace in learning what we teach. This alleviates any pressure of competition while encouraging success at the same time.”

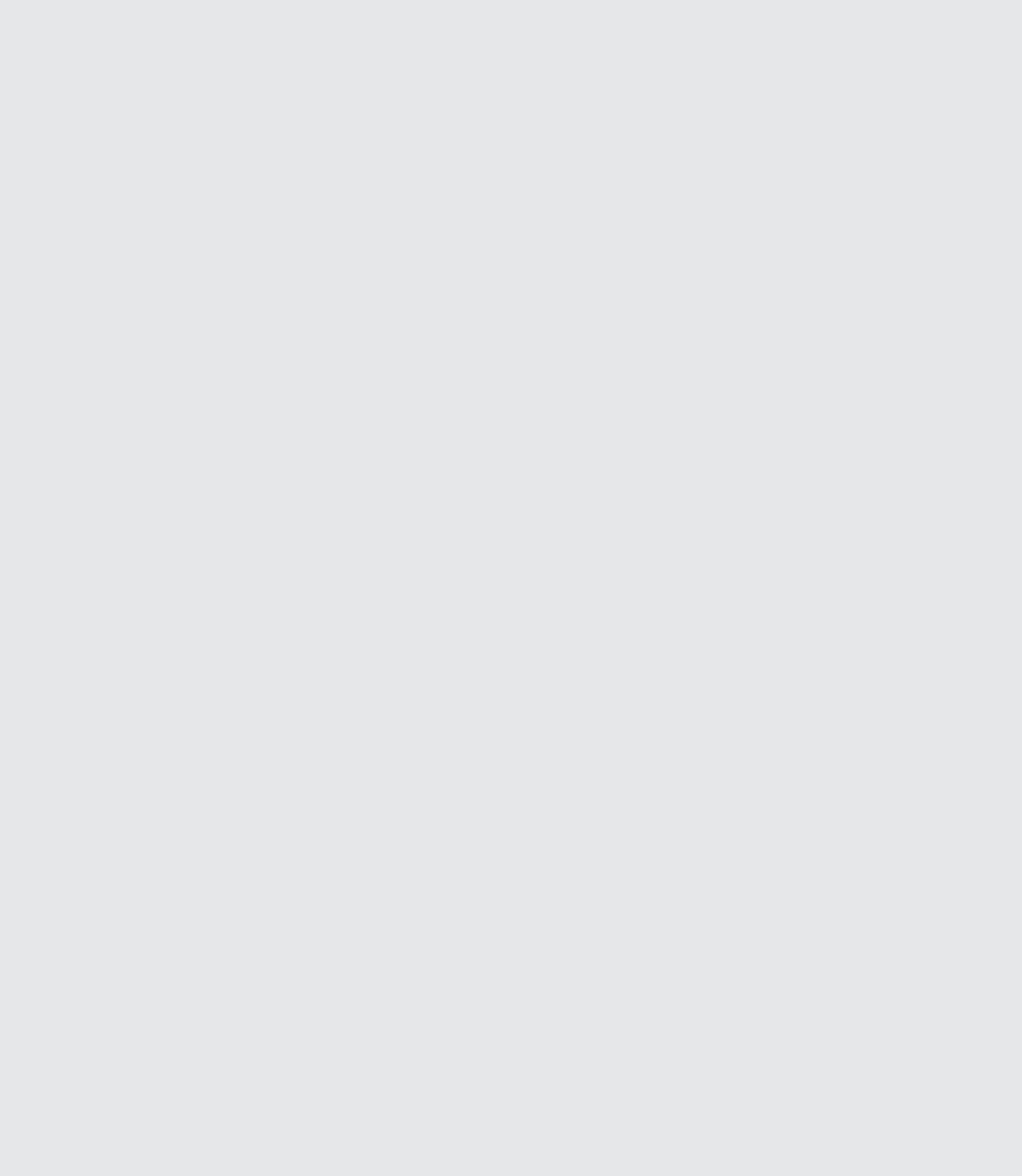
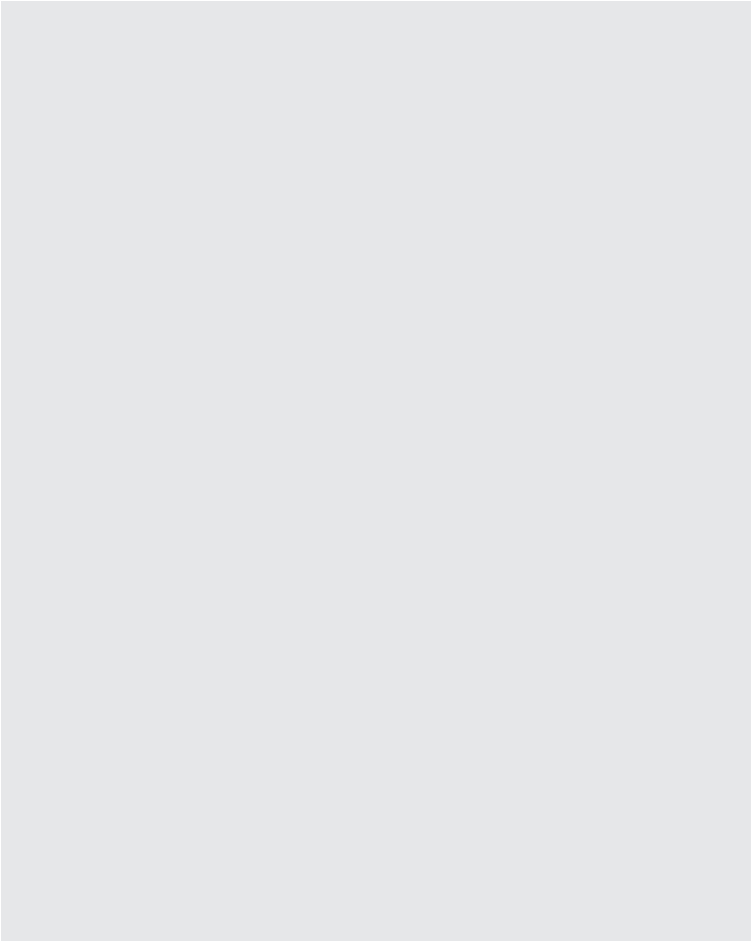
The classes are open to all individuals with a valid military or Department of Defense identification card. The cost is \$40 per month for the first family member and only \$30 per month for any additional members.

For more information, call 556-1515 or 556-4462.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews

Two students in the adult class spar, above, while Omar Rodriguez teaches students in the children's class, below and bottom right, stance, blocks and punches.



Sports Shorts

Intramural volleyball - Evening recreation and competitive leagues play 5-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Coaches meeting - There will be an intramural soccer coaches meeting 3 p.m. Tuesday in Gym 2.

Badminton tournament - A Peterson Air Force Base badminton tournament will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, at the fitness center.

For more information, call 556-1515.

Lifeguard training - Lifeguard training for those

ages 16 and older is scheduled for April 6, 7, 13 and 14 at the aquatics center.

For more information or to sign up, call 556-4481.

Golf lessons - The Silver Spruce Golf Course is offering adult group golf lessons for beginners throughout April.

For exact dates, times and prices, call the golf course at 556-7414.

Change of hours - The Silver Spruce Golf Course will start Spring hours April 6. The new hours are:

Course: 8 a.m.-dark
Pro shop: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Driving range: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Weekend tee time reservations will also be required beginning April 6.

For more information, call 556-7414.

Ring of Fame - Nominations for the Peterson Ring of Fame are being accepted at the fitness center. The Ring of Fame hon-

ors Peterson Complex athletes. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 1.

For details, call Ernie Martin at 556-7092.

Youth karate - Youth karate is every Tuesday and Thursday at the Fitness Center on Court 2.

Youth summer sports camps - Registration is being taken for sports camps

in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, football, soccer and tennis. Space is limited.

For more information , call the youth center at 556-7220.

Personal trainers - The Fitness Center has personal trainers available.

For more information on the trainers and prices, call 556-4462.

